

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please add the following new paragraphs before paragraph [0001]:

[0000.2] CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0000.4] This application is a 35 USC 371 application of PCT/DE 03/02462
filed on July 23, 2003.

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] ~~Background of the Invention~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0001]:

[0001.2] Field of the Invention

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0002]:

[0002.2] Description of the Prior Art

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003] ~~One such fuel injection device is known from~~ German Patent Disclosure DE 40 23
223 A1. ~~This reference shows~~ discloses an injector with two coaxial valve needles. ~~The~~
~~valve needles~~ which are each pressed against a valve seat by a helical compression spring.
They are pressed away from the valve seat counter to the action force of the helical
compression springs when the pressure of the fuel in the region of the valve seat is increased.

Please add the following new paragraph after [0004]:

[0004.5] OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, please delete paragraph [0007].

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] Moreover, while on the one hand the advantages of a blind-hole nozzle can be
attained at arbitrary fuel outlet conduits in the fuel injection device of the invention, at the

same time the disadvantages of blind-hole nozzles are also reduced, since the flow space can be kept comparatively small, depending on the cross-sectional area of the annular groove.

Please delete paragraph [0011].

Page 3, please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] **Drawing** BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] ~~Especially preferred exemplary embodiments~~ Other features and advantages of the invention are explained in detail below in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which: ~~drawing. Shown in the drawing are:~~

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] ~~Fig. 1, a~~ Fig. 1 is a schematic view of a fuel system of an internal combustion engine, with a plurality of fuel injection devices;

Page 4, please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] ~~Fig. 2, a~~ Fig. 2 is a fragmentary section through one of the fuel injection devices of Fig. 1;

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] ~~Description of the Exemplary Embodiments~~

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Page 9, please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0045]:

[0046] The foregoing relates to preferred exemplary embodiments of the invention, it being understood that other variants and embodiments thereof are possible within the spirit and scope of the invention, the latter being defined by the appended claims.